

Appl. No. 10/754,323
Amdt. Dated June 28, 2007
Reply to Office action of January 19, 2007

REMARKS

Applicant notes and appreciates the contents of the Office Action dated January 19, 2007.

In response thereto, the claims have been amended so they now cover the method of making the connection using the connector disclosed in the specification.

As argued in response to the previous Office Actions, incorporated herein by reference, and as clearly set forth in the specification, substantially less work is involved in making a connection with the present method than is required in prior art methods. The delay encountered during the stab-in of the connector through the slot, as set forth in the claims, permits the connector to be positioned so that far less friction is created, with far less work to overcome such reduced friction.

The Sauer 4,317,641 reference referred to in the Office Action, does not teach the presently claimed method, and no-one would be led to such method by the teachings of the Sauer patent, alone or with others.

The element 26 in Sauer is simply a retainer that does not pass through the slot of a main beam, as presently claimed. The locking latch (resiliently yieldable finger) 21 of Sauer '641, as seen particularly in his Figure 4 is straight and pivots at an acute angle. Sauer's finger 21 does not pivot along an arc as now claimed in the present application.

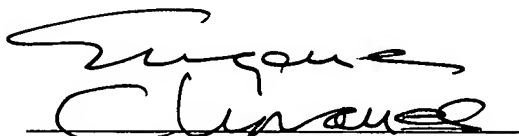
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and early allowance of the claims.

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